(d) what is Government's reaction to the terms in favour of the Japanese having been accepted by the SAIL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter is under examination. The results of examination will be laid on the Table of the House.

New Steel Plants

2636. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose not to allow setting up of new public sector steel mill; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government plan to raise production of steel through modernisation and expansion of existing mills; and

(c) what is Government's policy regarding setting up of steel mills in joint or private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) In view of the limited availability of resources, Government propose to utilise such resources for the expansion and modernisation of existing steel plants in the public sector.

(b) Modernisation and expansion of Durgapur Steel Plant and Rourkela Steel Plant is in progress. In case of IISCO and Bokaro Steel Plants, the modernisation proposals are under consideration of the Government.

(c) The new industrial policy has removed 'iron and steel' from the list of industries reserved for the public sector and also exempted it from the requirements of compulsory licensing. The Central Government's approval is therefore not required for the establishment of new steel plants in the private or joint sector outside the restricted areas.

Import of Boiler by SAIL

2637. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL ordered a £ 7 million Boiler from Britain, whereas India has indigenous technology and capacity to manufacture the same; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No., Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign Participation in Steel in Orissa

2638. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govt. have conducted negotiations with some foreign companies/NRIs willing to set up the proposed second Steel Plant in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) No Sir, Government have not conducted negotiations with foreign companies/NRIs for setting up the second steel plant in Orissa. However, the Government of Orissa has intimated that it has on 1.11.1991 entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Dr. Swraj Paul of the Caparo Group of United Kingdom to set up an integrated steel plant at Daitari.

The State Government has informed that the techno economic viability of the project is under examination by the Caparo Group. The State Government has also constituted a technical committee to monitor various infrastructure activities for the proposed steel plant. For the present Rs. 20 crores have been earmarked for acquisition of land and development of other infrastructural facilities.

स्टील अलॉय का निर्यात

2639. डा. बापू कालदाते: क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) स्टील अलॉय के निर्यात के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) देश में इस प्रकार के स्टील का वार्षिक उत्पादन कितना है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि विदेशों में स्टील अलॉय की भारी मांग होने के बावजूद इसका निर्यात नहीं किया जा रहा है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव) : (क) मिश्र इस्पात का निर्यात करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा किए गए कुछ उपाय निम्नलिखित हैं : --

(i) इस्पात प्रगलन स्क्रैप पर आयात शुल्क 35% से घटाकर 10% करना ।

(ii) आधुनिक उपस्करों और प्रौद्योगिकी के आयात की अनुमति देना ताकि गुणवत्ता में सुधार हो सके और मिश्र इस्पात उत्पादकों की लागत में कमी हो सके ।

(iii) कच्चे माल का बिना आयात शुल्क के आयात करना जिसमें नीति के अनुसार अग्रिम लाइसेंसिंग योजना के जरिये निर्यात के लिए उत्पादन करने हेतु मिश्रात्वी तत्व भी शामिल हैं ।

(iv) निर्यात द्वारा अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा 60% का बाजार दर पर परिवर्तन ।

(v) निर्यात प्रस्तावों को मंजूरी देने की उदार नीति ।

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान मिश्र इस्पात अर्ध-उत्पाद (बेदाग इस्पात सहित) का उत्पादन निम्नलिखित है :--

(मात्रा हजार टन)

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(ग) और (घ) विशिष्ट उत्पादों का निर्यात अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार की मांग पर निर्भर करता है । इस्पात के निर्यात में कमी होने का मुख्य कारण अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय इस्पात व्यापार में मंदी की प्रवृत्ति और विदेशी मांग में कमी होना है।

Foreign participation in Steel Plants

2640. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to several news items appearing in a section of press to the effect that some foreign companies/ NRIs are willing to participate in the proposed Steel Plants in the country;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of progress made for setting up the steel plants in private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) No specific proposal has been received by the Government regarding participation of foreign companies/ NRIs in the proposed steel plants in the country. However, it is understood